

Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1992-1998
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel ^a	Pipeline Fuel ^b	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
1992 Total	1,171	588	4,690	^c 2,803	7,527	2,766	17,786	19,544
1993 Total	1,172	624	4,956	^c 2,863	7,981	2,682	18,483	20,279
1994 Total	1,124	685	4,848	^c 2,897	8,167	2,987	18,899	20,708
1995 Total	1,220	700	4,850	^c 3,034	8,580	3,197	19,660	21,581
1996								
January	106	85	934	480	800	168	2,382	2,574
February	101	77	831	443	747	137	2,158	2,335
March	106	72	705	387	781	156	2,030	2,209
April	104	59	474	284	736	170	1,663	1,826
May	106	50	271	183	701	264	1,420	1,576
June	102	46	162	133	710	299	1,305	1,454
July	105	46	124	126	677	358	1,285	1,436
August	105	47	118	123	704	367	1,312	1,465
September	102	45	138	124	706	285	1,253	1,399
October	104	49	243	171	737	226	1,378	1,531
November	103	62	503	295	764	170	1,732	1,896
December	105	74	738	409	807	132	2,086	2,266
Total	1,250	711	5,241	^c 3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
1997								
January	104	88	902	475	816	139	2,332	2,523
February	94	78	757	421	759	143	2,081	2,253
March	104	73	606	360	782	190	1,938	2,115
April	99	61	433	270	739	193	1,635	1,795
May	102	54	284	204	713	232	1,432	1,588
June	97	49	164	154	690	297	1,305	1,451
July	101	52	128	144	683	429	1,385	1,537
August	101	51	118	140	717	391	1,366	1,518
September	99	49	129	142	689	333	1,293	1,440
October	102	52	234	190	711	244	1,380	1,534
November	99	65	497	306	748	180	1,731	1,895
December	101	81	731	411	796	197	2,135	2,317
Total	1,202	752	4,984	3,223	8,843	2,968	20,018	21,972
1998								
January	^E 106	82	^R 803	^R 447	^R 800	171	^R 2,221	^R 2,410
February	^E 98	72	^R 683	^R 390	^R 731	134	^R 1,938	^R 2,108
March	^E 106	73	^R 639	369	^R 750	194	^R 1,952	^R 2,131
April	^E 102	58	^R 407	254	^R 695	190	^R 1,546	^R 1,706
May	^E 105	52	^R 220	175	^R 669	293	^R 1,357	^R 1,514
June	^E 102	50	152	^R 143	^R 644	379	^R 1,319	^R 1,472
July	^{RE} 104	54	^R 129	^R 153	^R 684	449	^R 1,416	^R 1,574
August	^E 105	54	^R 116	^R 160	686	458	^R 1,419	^R 1,579
September	^E 103	51	120	159	666	380	1,325	1,478
October(STIFS)	^E 104	^E 51	^E 218	^E 175	^E 703	NA	^E 1,332	^E 1,488
November(STIFS)	^E 103	^E 60	^E 413	^E 266	^E 722	NA	^E 1,592	^E 1,755
December(STIFS)	^E 107	^E 72	^E 655	^E 389	^E 742	NA	^E 1,974	^E 2,152
Total	^E 1,246	^E 729	^E 4,556	^E 3,079	^E 8,493	—	^E 19,391	^E 21,366

^a Plant fuel data are only collected on an annual basis and monthly lease fuel data are only collected annually. Lease and plant fuel estimates have been between 6 and 7 percent of marketed production annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^b Pipeline fuel use is only collected on an annual basis. Annually it is between 3 and 4 percent of total consumption. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption (excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^c Vehicle fuel deliveries, in billion cubic feet, were 0.4 in 1991, 0.5 in 1992, 1.0 in 1993, 1.7 in 1994, 2.7 in 1995 and 2.9 in 1996.

^R = Revised Data.

^E = Estimated Data.

^{RE} = Revised Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1992 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Estimates for the most recent three months are derived from the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1992-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-627, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," (thru 1994), Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," (1995 forward), Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. January 1997 through the current month: EIA: Form 895, "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.

— Data not available.